



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 2115

An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design, planning, and construction of a project to reclaim and reuse wastewater within and outside of the service area of the Lakehaven Utility District, Washington

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on July 31, 2002*

SUMMARY

H.R. 2115 would authorize the Secretary of the Interior through the Bureau of Reclamation to participate in the design, planning, and construction of a project to reclaim and reuse wastewater in the Lakehaven Utility District. CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 2115 would cost \$8 million over the 2003-2007 period, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts. H.R. 2115 would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

S. 2115 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA). State and local governments might incur some costs to match the federal funds authorized by this act, but those costs would be voluntary.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 2115 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION					
Estimated Authorization Level	10	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	1	1	1	2	3

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes H.R. 2115 will be enacted near the start of fiscal year 2003 and that the necessary funds will be appropriated. Based on information from the Bureau of Reclamation, we estimate that the Lakehaven Water Reclamation and Reuse Project would cost \$38 million. H.R. 2115 would amend section 1615 of the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize funding for this project. The act would limit the federal contribution to 25 percent of the project's total cost. CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 2115 would cost the federal government \$8 million over the 2003-2007 period and an additional \$2 million thereafter. The remaining project costs would be paid for with nonfederal funds. Under H.R. 2115, the federal government would not be authorized to fund the operation and maintenance of the project.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 2115 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA. State and local governments might incur some costs to match the federal funds authorized by this act, but these costs would be voluntary.

PREVIOUS CBO ESTIMATE

On November 15, 2001, CBO prepared a cost estimate for H.R. 2115 as ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on October 17, 2001. The two versions of this legislation are identical, and the estimated costs are the same, however, we now expect the legislation to be implemented in 2003.

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